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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
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AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

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SUBJECT: TAPLINE PROBLEM: SOME PROGRESS

REF BEIRUT 6848 AND EARLIER

SUMMARY: GOL TEAM RETURNED ENCOURAGED AFTER MEETING WITH YAMANI AND STAFF. IMPORTANT GOL-TAPLINE SESSIONS BEGIN HERE JUNE 16, FOLLOWED, PRESUMABLE, BY FURTHER GOVERNMENTAL EXCHANGES.

1. IN LAST MINUTE CHANGE, GOL TEAM TO RIYADH REVERTED TO TECHNICAL LEVEL WHEN HITTI (BEIRUT 6582) REPLACED DAHDAH POSSIBLY DUE TENSE BEIRUT SITUATION. TEAM CONSISTED OF SALEM, ACHOUR, HITTI AND HOSS. THEY WERE IN RIYADH MAY 31-JUNE 3 (EXCEPT THAT HOSS RETURNED JUNE 2) AND DEALT WITH YAMANI PART OF TIME AND HIS STAFF.

2. ACCORDING DODGE, TEAM RETURNED OPTIMISTIC ABOUT EVENT UALLY WORKING OUT SOLUTION. SAG GAVE HOPE THAT TAPLINE CAN BE MADE VIABLE THROUGH TAX AND PRICE CHANGES. DISCUSSIONS

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APPARENTLY INCLUDED POSSIBILITY OF SUBSIDY OR OTHER AS-

SISTANCE WITH CRUDE DEBT.TAPLINE OFFICIALS FROM DHAHRAN MET GOL TEAM IN RIYADH ABOUT DEBT AND TAPLINE SCHEDULED BEGIN DISCUSSIONS HERE JUNE 16 WITH GOL ON DEBT. THESE MAY LAST SEVERAL DAYS AND DODGE HOPEFUL ABOUT A BREAKTHROUGH IT ASSUMED FURTHER GOL-SAG MEETING WOULD FOLLOW.

3. GOL WAS NOT RPT NOT ABLE MEET WITH JORDAN DELEGATION HEAD ED BY KING WHICH ARRIVED RIYADH LATE. JORDANIANS SAW KING KHALID, CROWN PRINCE AND FONMIN. TAPLINE WAS ONE OF ITEMS DISCUSSED BUT DODGE DOES NOT KNOW RESULTS.

4. DODGE HAD NO RPT NO NEW INFORMATION ON TAPLINE'S BEIRUT STAFF REDUCTION BUT HINTED THAT IT REMAINS DEFERRED.

COMMENT DODGE BELIEVES THINGS MOVING IN RIGHT DIRECTION. HE AND OTHER OBSERVERS THINK IT BEST GOL TEAM REMAINED TECHNICAL AT THIS STAGE.

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